

CLAIMS

Independent

What I claim is:

1. A tubular fishing rod that contains a funnel and spring that compresses simply from the angler reeling in the string in the traditional manner and releasing by pressing the push-button;
2. A tubular fishing rod with a rounded top so as not to allow the lure to latch on while entering the tube and a slightly narrower top or small notches that do not allow the spring or funnel to exit the tube;
3. A funnel whose upper diameter is such that it matches the inside diameter of the tubular rod and lower portion which is much smaller and contains a hole that allows passage of fishing line but does not allow the fishing lure to pass through the bottom. This funnel does not exit the tubular rod, but rather serves to carry the lure to the end of the rod as the tension on the spring is released, thus allowing passage of the lure through the rod.

Dependent

What I claim is:

4. A reel mounted to a handle in the traditional fashion;
5. A handle connected to the tubular rod near the base;
6. A spring seat that contains a small hole for fishing line to pass through located at the bottom of the rod, but does not allow the spring to exit;
7. A spring contained inside the tubular rod that rests on a removable spring seat at the bottom of the tube that is connected to, or rests below, a funnel at the top of the tube;

8. A means by where compression of the spring is achieved simply by the angler reeling in the fishing string, allowing the lure to catch into the funnel, and allowing the funnel to compress the spring;

9. A fishing rod where said spring is released by pushing the button on the reel, thus releasing the tension on the string, allowing the spring to uncoil, pushing funnel to the top of the tube, stopping said funnel, and allowing the lure to exit.